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For: COMPOSITE COMPRISING ORGANIC FIBERS HAVING A LOW TWIST
MULTIPLIER AND IMPROVED COMPRESSIVE MODULUS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

CLEAN AMENDED CLAIMS

29. (Amended) A fiber-reinforced article comprised of at least two plies wherein each of said plies comprises (a) rubber and (b) cord made from melt-spinnable, non-metallic, multifilament fiber, said cord having

a twist multiplier of less than or equal to about 375,

a stress at 1% strain greater than or equal to about 1.7 grams/denier, and

an initial compressive modulus greater than or equal to about 7 grams/denier, and

said at least two plies having a ply orientation angle of greater than or equal to about 23° with respect to the longitudinal direction of the article;

the article further having fiber reinforcement in a third dimension, wherein said third dimension of reinforcement comprises stitches or folds, and wherein when folds are present, said folds form the edges of the longitudinal direction of the composite.

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